The Alleppey Port.

106. ✱ **MR. P. S. MUHAMED** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have been considering any scheme for improving the Alleppey Port ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Proposals for improving the facilities at the Port of Alleppey are now engaging the attention of Government.

Roads near the Stone bridge at Quilon.

107. ✱**MR. P. S. MUHAMED** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action to improve the roads on the bank of the big canal on the southern side of the Stone bridge, Quilon?

MR. I. C. CHACKO. Yes. The work has been taken in hand and is in progress.

Travancore Navika Thozhilali Sanghom.

108. ✱**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Travancore Navika Thozhilali Sanghom submitted a memorial to them in 1114 requiring them to acquire the Puthen thodu and the road adjacent to it (at Quilon) ;

(*b*) whether they have replied that the request will be conceded ; and

(*c*) what action was taken thereon to put it into effect ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, if possible.

(*c*) The necessary estimate for the work has been prepared but has not been carried out as the Municipality refused to contribute.

Appointment of clearing agents in Customs Houses.

109. ✱**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have brought into force certain rules for the appointment of clearing agents in the various Customs Houses of the State ;

(*b*) for what purpose and for whose benefit they were put into force ; and

(*c*) whether any association has or associations have complained to them regarding the establishment of such clearing agents ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) Yes. As per Government Notification R. O. C. No. 4352/39/Devpt., dated the 9th July 1941.

(*b*) To facilitate the course of trade and to secure accurate statistical information from customs documents.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know whether the Merchant Association, Quilon, has protested ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Sir, they protested ; but after their nominee has been appointed they have no further protest or complaint.

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